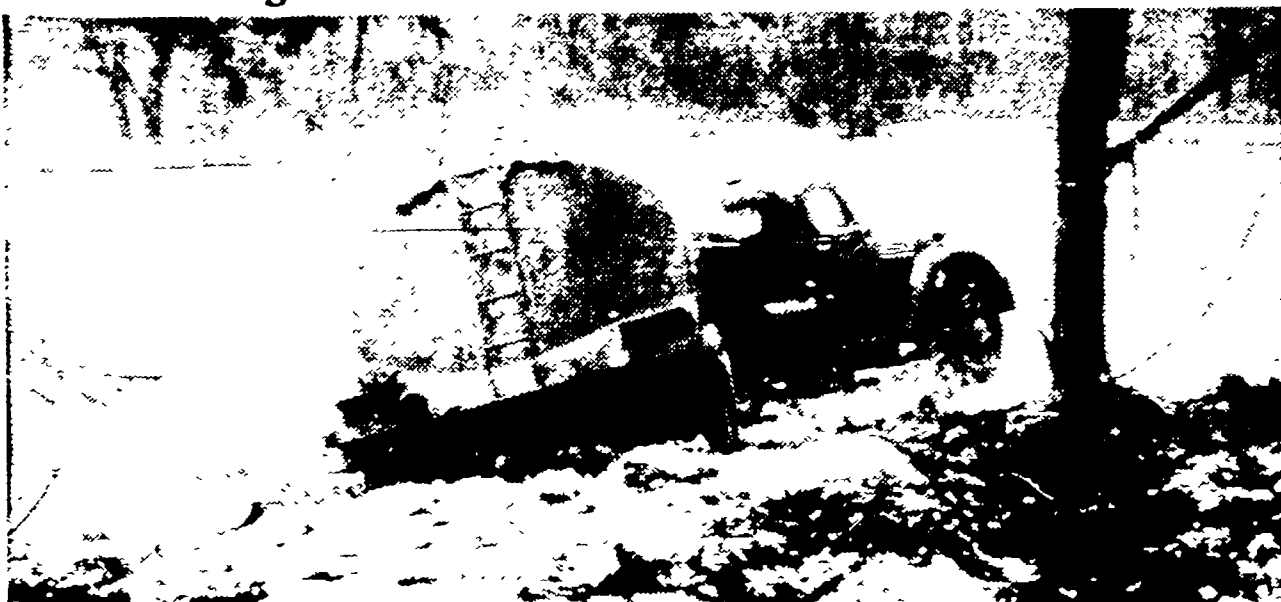


Police Shifts Planned to Combat Crime Wave

Woman's Yell Foils Holdup; Burglary, Theft Revealed

Big Tank Truck Skids Into the Drink



—Mercury Staff Photo

An ice-covered macadam patch in the concrete pavement of Route 100 sent this huge tank truck over the bank at the Kirkwood dam yesterday morning. The driver, William D'Aiello, Douglassville, leaped to safety as the loaded vehicle plowed through a concrete culvert, a ten-inch tree, and grazed another tree before stopping with its front wheels in the water.

Damage Is Heavy as Trucks, Autos Skid on Glassy Roads

Early morning ice and all-day fog and rain yesterday were factors in nine car or truck accidents in the Pottstown area or involving area drivers.

Possibly because their weight caused worse skidding, trucks were involved in the more serious accidents. In all, seven trucks and five cars were damaged in the sliding free-for-all. No one was seriously injured.

Six of the accidents occurred in early morning when treacherous ice coated highways over much of the state.

William D'Aiello, Douglassville, narrowly escaped death or serious injury early yesterday morning when he leaped from the cab of his skidding tank truck only seconds before its front wheels plunged into the icy waters of the Kirkwood dam on Route 100.

The heavily-loaded truck crushed a concrete culvert, sheared off a ten-inch thick tree, and glanced off another tree before the front of the tractor ran over the bank of the dam.

D'Aiello, driving a tank truck owned by William W. Riegner, Douglassville oil dealer, was returning from Marcus Hook with a load of oil. At Kirkwood, he ran over an icy patch of macadam in the concrete highway which threw his truck out of control.

It was the first icy patch he hit in the long trip, he said.

Crews worked all morning pumping the oil from the loaded tank to another truck before a wrecker could haul the damaged vehicle away.

Riegner estimated it would cost between \$1000 and \$2000 to repair the damaged tractor.

THREE THOUSAND gallons of heavy fuel oil were lost early yesterday morning when a Walter P. Schwaab tractor-tank truck crashed into the concrete railing of a bridge on Route 322 between Marcus Hook and Concordville.

The driver, Ray C. Sweetwood, 26 Reynolds avenue, was hauled from the cab of the truck by the force of the impact.

Sweetwood was returning from Marcus Hook with a load of fuel oil for the Pottstown Firestone plant when his truck skidded into the bridge. It was his first accident. (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Democrat Sol Bloom Challenges GOP at Mibs

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Congressman Sol Bloom, 73-year-old New York Democrat, says he can lick Gov. Thomas E. Dewey or any other Republican in a game of marbles.

He said today he stands ready to accept a marble-shooting challenge from his political—and for the most part considerably younger—opponents.

The challenge was issued at a party of the 34th Street-Midtown Association.

Bloom was presented with six boxes of 100 marbles each in recognition of his prowess at the game.

Bloom said he never could afford to buy marbles as a child.

Today, he says, he has played juvenile marbles aces in New York and Washington and "nobody has beaten me yet."

54 Mercury 34

High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

4 a. m.	34	5 p. m.	47
5 a. m.	34	5 p. m.	51
6 a. m.	35	6 p. m.	51
7 a. m.	35	7 p. m.	51
8 a. m.	35	8 p. m.	52
9 a. m.	39	9 p. m.	52
10 a. m.	41	10 p. m.	54
11 a. m.	43	11 p. m.	54
12 m.	44	12 p. m.	54
1 p. m.	45	1 p. m.	54
2 p. m.	45	2 p. m.	53
3 p. m.	45	3 p. m.	52

Snowstorm Hits Midwest, Reported Heading East

By The Associated Press

Snow whipped up strong winds plagued parts of the Midwest Wednesday. Clearing and much colder weather was in prospect for the same areas Thursday.

The Chicago weather bureau issued a special cold wave warning for Southeastern Minnesota, Upper Michigan, Wisconsin and Eastern Iowa.

The storm is moving eastward, the bureau said.

5 Persons Hurt in Falls As Ice Impedes Walking

An early morning ice glaze and rain-wet ice all day yesterday caused a spate of auto accidents and brought falls to dozens of pedestrians.

The rain began to fall at 4 a. m. when the temperature was at 34 degrees, but froze as it hit the ground, called by earlier, lower temperatures.

The glaze persisted until about 7 a. m. when a rising mercury wore it away.

But a steady rain throughout the day and last night, totaling 1.37 inches, made remaining ice slick. An all-day fog, thickening early in the morning and again in the afternoon made driving additionally hazardous.

The rain will continue through this morning, the weatherman said, but a strong wind from an east-southwest direction will replace rain with a cold wave. Tomorrow will be cold and partly cloudy.

EARLY MORNING ICE yesterday was not heavy enough to snap power and communications wires, utilities spokesmen said.

But at least five area persons were recuperating last night from falls on ice.

J. Russell Reifsnider, of 19 South Rohland street, manager of the local Prudential Insurance company branch, broke a bone in his right foot when he slipped yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

The insurance man was about to climb the back stairs to his second floor apartment.

Prof. Vincent P. Gnanella, University of Nevada seismologist, made the forecast of possible future quakes in answering newsmen's questions tonight. He said light tremors were still being recorded tonight, although they were too slight to be felt. Reno had a series of ten quakes, three of them sharply noticeable, earlier this week.

Baby Boys Bump Heads; One Requires 3 Stitches

Two Pottstown area baby boys suffered lacerations of the forehead yesterday. Both were two years old.

Both were treated in Memorial hospital. One hit a stove, the other hit a radiator.

Charles E. Liss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Liss, Pottstown 22, fell against the radiator from a chair in his home last night. His cut required three stitches to close after his father drove him to the hospital.

Gene Horchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Horchak Jr., 637 Water street, bumped his head on the stove after he tumbled in the kitchen. His cut was a small one.

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WOULD-BE THIEF FLEES STORE, FORGETS CHANGE

Description Similar To Report of Thug In Bechtel's Robbery

A polite but faint-hearted thug was scared out of a hold-up last night by a woman's screams for help.

Far from getting anything in the attempt, he actually lost 78 cents. He paid a dollar for a 22-cent bottle of olives out didn't wait for the change.

The scene of the attempt was a grocery at 4 East Fourth street owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Trojanowski.

It was the third robbery or attempted robbery in the past three days. An attempt and a completed holdup Monday night remain unsolved.

MRS. TROJANOWSKI was alone in the store at 6:05 o'clock, she said, when the would-be thief made his bid.

She had noticed him lurking outside the store window while she was waiting on another customer.

But as soon as she had finished selling some ice cream and cake to 9-year-old Buddy Yednock, 13 East Fifth street, the bandit entered.

He was wearing an Army uniform. Mrs. Trojanowski remembered: stood about 5 feet, 8 inches, was in his early 20s and was a "good-looking boy with a clear complexion."

He asked for a small bottle of olives and gave her a dollar bill.

Mrs. Trojanowski gave the stranger the olives and turned to the cash register to get his 78 cents change.

A QUIETLY-SPOKEN "Madam" turned her around to be confronted by her customer leveling a pistol at her.

The store manager screamed for her husband, sitting in the living room of their home which is connected to the store.

Clutching the bottle of olives, the bandit fled out the front door, leaving Mrs. Trojanowski holding the change she was about to give him.

Seconds later Trojanowski gave chase. He followed the man one block west on Fourth street and half a block south on State street, but lost him there.

MEANWHILE, HIS WIFE called police and Motor Patrolman Robert Houser in a patrol car picked up Trojanowski. Together they scoured the neighborhood but found no trace of the stranger.

The description of the man roughly fitted that given Monday night of a thief who tried to hold up the Jefferson street cafe, Charlotte and Jefferson streets, and who (Continued on Page Eight)

Strange, Grim Named To State Education Posts

Earl P. Strange, Pottstown Senior High School teacher, and Paul H. Grim, supervising principal of North Coventry township schools, were chosen to posts of the Pennsylvania State Education association in Harrisburg yesterday.

Strange was chosen president of the consumer education section, while Grim continued in his post as a representative of the association's southeastern convention district.

Strange and Walter McCurdy, of the Junior High school, were official delegates to the meeting.

Others attending were Vernon H. W. Dessenberger, junior high principal, and instructors J. Robert Van Drach, Willard Gressman, William Smith and Calvin Gressman.

GENEROSITY IN A COMMON CAUSE

Tipster's \$3 Goes to Injured Sledder

Mrs. W. S. Moyer, 149 Beech street, yesterday sent a New Year's gift to 8-year-old David Quigley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace P. Quigley, 15 East Second street, to help ease the pain of the injury he incurred sledding on the unprotected Beech street hill on Dec. 20.

It was the \$3 second prize she won in The Mercury's weekly news tip contest for reporting his accident.

She enclosed the endorsed check in a short note which read:

"Hello David: 'You do not know me and I do not know you, but The Pottstown Mercury knows us both. I called them after your sledding

accident and asked them to use their influence through their paper to get some hills roped off for safe coasting.

"Wasn't it nice of The Pottstown Mercury to award me second prize?"

"I am sending it to you for a 'New Year's Greeting,' because I am so sorry for you having the accident. I hope you are well on the road to recovery and will soon be all well again and have many more coasting days.

Here's for better luck next time. MRS. W. S. MOYER"

David suffered a severe laceration of the scalp when his sled ran

Where Burglars Entered Garage



—Mercury Staff Photo

When burglars smashed their way into the Pottstown Motors company garage at 22-21 High street Monday night, they stole two car batteries and \$250 in petty cash. Earl Houck, service manager, points to three other batteries that weren't taken. Arrow points to the spot where the burglars broke a rear window pane to gain entry. The burglary is unsolved.

Garage, Service Station Entered; \$42 Is Stolen

The theft of \$40 from the till of a High street service station Monday morning and the burglary of two batteries and \$250 in petty cash from the Pottstown Motors company early Tuesday morning were revealed yesterday.

Reports of both burglaries had been withheld by police.

An unidentified thief, or thieves, entered the service station of Arthur Heimbach, 900 High street, between 11 o'clock and noon Monday morning and made off with \$40 in cash from the cash register.

At the time, Heimbach was busy on the streets, servicing cars frozen by the extreme cold. The service station was unattended.

Only large bills—two fives, one ten, and one twenty—were taken from the cash register by the thieves. The dollar bills and small change in the register were untouched. Motor Patrolman Stanley Borowy was assigned to the case.

SOME TWELVE OR more hours later, the Pottstown Motors company, 22-21 High street, was entered by thieves who broke a rear window of the garage. They stole two batteries and \$250 from a petty cash box used to supply change for customers.

The theft was discovered at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning by Donald Powell, Kenilworth, when he opened the garage.

To get to the cash box, the thieves had to enter the office, and pry the lock on a window to get into the storeroom where the cash was kept. They missed an undisclosed amount of Christmas money which was kept elsewhere in the office.

Only one of the batteries taken from a charging machine close to the point of entry, was serviceable. Earl Houck, service manager, reported. The other was an old battery which was lying close by.

A heavy mess screen has been bolted to the window to prevent further attempts at the garage. (Continued on Page Eight)

THE FATAL PLUNGE from some 200 feet in the air to the snow-covered ground on the field occurred as the veteran test pilot and stunt man was practicing a slow roll through a 360-degree turn.

Pvt. Stanley B. Kramer, of the West Reading State police, specialist in airplane crashes and violations who was assigned to the case, reported that his investigation showed no material failure of any plane part before the crash.

The airplane expert also scouted a fast-spreading rumor—that the 36-year-old, nationally-known pilot had been the victim of the failure of an automatic pilot.

There was no automatic pilot on Nye's AT-6 trainer plane, Pvt. Kramer asserted.

He said the plane was still several feet from the road and opened that unless the ice jams at the King street bridge or at the falls, just below the High street bridge, residents will not have to wear rubbers in their cellars.

Driving Warning Issued On Newly-Filled Trenches

Borough Manager Dow I. Sears and W. Earl Poltegar, street foreman, joined in warning motorists yesterday against driving over newly-filled sewer trenches.

While the cold weather lasted, they explained, the frost held the new earth up. The sudden thaw makes setting of earth likely.

Most of the newly-filled trenches run down the center of North End streets, such as Prospect, Washington and Franklin streets.

Master, Sixth and Seventh streets are other trench-centered streets.

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Plainclothes Detail, New Patrolman on List for Local Force

As reports of a burglary, a theft and an attempted holdup joined the mounting pile of major Pottstown crimes yesterday, it was learned that there will be some changes made in the police picture.

Confirming two persistent rumors, Burgess William A. Griffith made these disclosures last night:

1. He will arrange to have at least one plainclothes officer on full-time duty early next year.

2. The police committee of borough council is expected to recommend the addition of at least one patrolman to the force early in 1949.

Reports from other borough hall sources have been that Motor Patrolmen Lewis M. Borowy and Stanley Borowy are heavy favorites in the race for plainclothes assignment.

Borgiet was one of three contenders in the past Summer's contest to become a street sergeant. His chances vanished at the end of a tangled battle when borough council abolished the newly-created post of a second street sergeant.

Borgiet also was once supported by borough Democrats for police chief, to replace James A. Laughead, a Republican.

BURGESS GRIFFITH said that experiments with putting patrolmen on temporary plain clothes duty already are under way.

Motor Patrolman Earl J. Rhoads was on such duty for a short period before Christmas.

Patrolman Harry Chrusch questioned two suspects last night after the latest attempted holdup. He apprehended them while on plain clothes duty. They were innocent.

The Burgess discounted the reports that Borgiet and Borowy are slated for permanent assignment.

He said he prefers not to give any patrolman an immediate permanent assignment to plainclothes duty although the post itself would be a full-time one. He said he favors experimentation and rotation.

The Burgess also said he did not favor the creation of a "detective" on any appointive basis.

THE HIRING OF additional patrolmen is beyond his jurisdiction, Burgess Griffith said, but he added that he considered it quite likely that the police committee would make such a recommendation.

He conceded that one of the greatest needs for additional manpower stems from the fact that between 4 and 8 a. m. daily there are no foot patrolmen on duty in Pottstown.

The Burgess added that another need comes from the fact that under the present setup, there have to be constant switches of patrolmen from one assignment to another, often leaving a job left undone.

(Several patrolmen have expressed the opinion that the thug who held up an East end restaurant Monday night knew that at 11 o'clock the foot patrolmen on duty in that neighborhood must switch to traffic duty at Preston drive.)

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Re-Assessment By Outside Unit To Be Sought

Council and the school district will be asked to split the \$5000 cost of a re-assessment of Pottstown by the Institute of Local and State Government of the University of Pennsylvania.

The decision to ask to have the job done by the Philadelphia group was made last night at a meeting of the Pottstown Citizens' Committee for the Equalization of Taxes.

Since assessors' books must be in the hands of Montgomery county tax officials by Jan. 1, such a re-assessment could be effective only beginning in 1950.

If council and the school district each agree to pay half of the \$5000 cost the job could be done next Summer, committee members were told.

ADVANTAGES OF THE JOB, they said, were:

Since the re-assessing would be done by an outside, disinterested group, citizens whose assessments were boosted could not logically complain of favoritism, bias or political preference.

"We could clear up the inequalities in the assessments that have developed in the last 50 years or so."

The cost would be one-fifth to one-tenth that charged by a professional group for the same task. The borough would be assured of a "fair, impartial survey."

IT WAS THIS SAME Institute (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Warrant Sworn Out For Bakery Driver Charging \$250 Theft

A warrant for William A. Lilley, 38, of 411 Walnut street, a route salesman of the Schulz Baking company, was sworn out yesterday, charging him with stealing company funds.

George Russell, company treasurer, made the charge in a warrant sworn out before Justice of the Peace Richard H. Cadmus, of the Seventh ward.

Cadmus said a teletype describing the missing man would be sent out through borough police.

LILLEY LAST was seen by his employers late Monday afternoon, when he parked his truck after completing his day's work. He did not report for work Tuesday or Wednesday.

The shortages, it was learned, amount to at least \$250, although baking company executives believed last night they might total much more.

Uncertainty over the total resulted because Lilley took his route books with him.

Lilley had been employed for "several" years, Charles L. Schulz, president of the concern, said last night.

ON THE MAIN DRAG

HORACE SWAVELEY—finding himself overworked.

DELLA ULMER—wearing a sharp pink sweater.

CARL HARP—looking over the field.

MRS. CARL KELLER—busily taking inventory.

JUDY DECKER—talking with a friend.

JAMES QUIGLEY—raying about his car.

NORMAN TRAY—getting the Army "blues."

JANET KERR—spending an evening baby-sitting.

TOMMY REIDENBERGER, DAVE DETAR, CLAUDE RINEHART and BOB MARVZ—holding a Christmas vacation riddle.

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Holds PINT THERMOS

All-metal lunch box with space in lid to accommodate pint vacuum bottle... Snap-shutting style. Strongly made, firmly attached handle.

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30c EDWARD'S Olive Tablets . **20c**

75c DOAN'S Pills Vial of 40 . . . **49c**

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25c CUTICURA Ointment Small Size **21c**

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\$1.00 LAVORIS Mouth Wash . . . **79c**

\$1.50 Anusol Suppositories 12's **\$1.19**

25c Stanback Headache Powders, **19c**

75c Eno Effervescent Salt **57c**

25c Feenamint Laxative Gum . . **21c**

50c Phillips Milk of Magnesia . . **39c**

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Vitalis Hair Tonic, 4 Ounces . . . **47c**

\$1.00 Pacquin's Hand Cream . . **89c**

50c Williams Aqua Velva **43c**

50c Mavis Talcum Powder **39c**

\$1.00 Tangee Lipstick **89c**

\$1.00 Jeris Hair Tonic **87c**

Colgate Dental Cream, Giant . . **43c**

60c Drene Shampoo, 3 Ounces . . **49c**

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1948

His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong.—Emerson.

Prosperous 1949 Forecast

WANT to look into the crystal ball for a peek at the future? Well, wouldn't we all like to know what the new year will bring.

It should be another prosperous year, said the magazine Business Week yesterday after a nation-wide survey.

"Washington figures that government spending will take up much of any slack that shows up in the economy, that the new business it will pass out will ease the pain of higher taxes, increased supervision," the publication observed.

The magazine predicted higher taxes on business to pay for the government's increased spending, adding that: "Short of war, government will avoid going back into the red."

Although the prediction for 1949 is "no war," this article said the U. S. will expose itself to an added risk of hostilities in the hope of bolstering the chances for peace.

"We mean the coming renunciation of the policy of no entangling alliances," it was explained, "the formal expansion of Western European union into a regional-security arrangement called the North Atlantic community. The heart of the scheme is a pledge by the U. S. and Canada to come to the aid of West Europe in the event of attack."

Approval is believed certain for the pact which will be ready for Senate ratification sometime in March. Upon approval, the U. S. plans to begin shipping arms to Europe to prop up the West's defenses on the East-West front.

Referring to business prospects for the year, the magazine predicted increased regulation in addition to whatever controls result from decisions on spending.

Legislatively one can look for:

- (1) Enactment of Kefauver's bill regulating acquisition of corporate assets;
- (2) A fight to repeal the law exempting railroad rate bureaus from anti-trust laws;
- (3) Federalization of the tidelands.

"Beyond these things," the article added, "we see as far more significant the emergence of a new concept of what government's role should be in the making of economic decisions."

It was explained that legislation will be introduced applying this concept in steel and synthetic oil. Government decides how much more capacity is needed and offers taxpayers financing to industry to build the plant. If industry declines the option, the legislation provides that government get into the business itself.

In commenting on the farm problem, the article predicted a snowdown on the issue of flexible price supports vs. a flat guarantee coupled with tough acreage limitations.

"But even bumper crops next year won't mean any substantial dip in food prices," the article continued. "The 90 percent-of-parity floor holds through 1949. Meat is about the only basic food still selling much above the parity price."

As for labor, the article said despite its victory at the polls, next year the "rounds" of wage increases will go out of style.

"Settlements in 1949 will vary by industries and by plants within industries—more than any time since the war," the article said. "We figure that the average boost will fall between five cents and ten cents an hour."

The thing labor most wants—a new law—it will get. The magazine said it will be a little closer to the Wagner Act than to Taft-Hartley.

Note on \$1 Notes

THERE is a limited usefulness in the helpful hints the Secret Service is giving on the detection of counterfeit \$1 and \$5 bills which are in circulation.

On the \$1 bill, for example, George Washington's chin is unimpaired white, and his hair lacks clear hair lines.

All that's interesting, and before the inflation it might have been helpful. Nowadays, however, most people don't have time to tell whether the likeness on the bill is George Washington or Button Gwinnett's. They have a better chance to observe that it's a \$1 bill, with the S before the 1 instead of vice versa, and a zzzz—it's somebod's else's bonner whether the Washington chin is clear enough, and whether he's got his hair on in detail.

Grampaw Oakley

Editor, The Mercury, December 29. Dear Sir: I see by the papers where the U. S. government is calling on cows to produce 3 percent more milk in 1949.

Maybe the cows are contented. But Uncle Sam isn't.

Word from Europe had it that Christmas toys were plentiful on both sides of the iron curtain. In fact, the nations themselves are getting to be almost playthings!

And say: Men's clothing manufacturers are reported suffering the worst seasonal sales decline since 1939. Evidently they've been caught with their inventories down!

Hopla! you air the same.

GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

READERS SAY:

Suggests Traffic Speed Be Guided by Time, Weather

Present Laws 'Silly'

To the Editor: I see in The Mercury this week that there is a tremendous number of auto accidents whenever the streets are slippery, and many of the accidents are serious ones.

In my mind there is one big reason that accounts for this increase every year. And that is because our speed laws are silly. For instance, the speed limit on West High street is a flat 35 miles per hour, whether the driver is driving at noon on a clear June day or at midnight through a sleet storm.

In fact, it is safe to say that the entire idea of speed limit laws is inaccurate. Now I am not a traffic engineer and so cannot suggest involved means of solving this problem. But I am sure it can be solved.

One idea has occurred to me. Why not have traffic laws placed every half mile or so in sections that are not built up? They would then be suit weather conditions and day or night. Anybody who wanted to drive like crazy between lights and then wait for them to change could be arrested on an open charge of dam foolery.

A big advantage of such a plan would be that it would make it much easier for State police to detect offenders. It is a rough question sometimes for a man to say whether an oncoming car is going too fast. But red is red.

Pottstown J. T.

Case for Milk, Postal Men

To the Editor: In answer to George S. ("Privileged Drivers") Readers Say, Dec. 27.

As this is the Yuletide season it might be fitting, if only for the season, to think of others. People in the world today do not take time to think a problem through before they act. Critical thinking is important. The attitude usually taken is

INTERPRETIVE Cold War's End Hinges On Berlin Compromise

By WES GALLAGHER (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

BERLIN, Dec. 29 (P) — What are the chances of ending the cold war with Russia?

To begin we must go back to the end of the war. Since that time Soviet policy has been marked by one blunder after another.

The Western world was eager to cooperate with the Soviet Union after the war. The Soviet Union had an immense reservoir of good will built from its war successes.

With a few international compromises and some indication of good will the Soviet Union and its Communist doctrine could have infiltrated all of Western Europe.

The Communists would have been so deeply entrenched it is far to say Europe would have fallen completely into the Soviet sphere of influence.

THIS GOOD WILL was squandered when the Soviet Union embarked on a policy of "all or nothing." Soviet diplomats refused to compromise on the most trivial matters. When Soviet demands were not met, the Kremlin tried to rule by force through Communist parties.

Each Soviet rebuff revived Western Europe's fears, fanned its hatreds, and welded opposing forces together against Communism.

Where Soviet demands could be enforced with the Red Army, all influence of the West was ruthlessly exterminated.

WHY WAS THIS policy embarked upon?

To begin with — let us look at the rulers of Russia, the politburo.

This small group of men has two outstanding characteristics.

The first is that they are revolutionaries who climbed to power through strict adherence to the Communist party line and annihilation of all dissenters.

The Communist party line teaches that capitalism is doomed.

It is reasonable to suppose the politburo believes this. Since they do believe this, why should they compromise with a capitalism which they view as decadent?

The second point this group has in common is that with the exception of Foreign Minister Molotov, none has had any extensive relations with the West. The only experience they have had firsthand is how they apply Communism in Russia. It has succeeded in gaining control there. It is, therefore, natural they apply the same methods outside Russia.

The Soviet Union will change this policy only when the politburo is convinced that the West and Western Europe are too strong and too united to be overthrown either by force or threats of force.

THIS WAS THE point the Soviets reached once before when they had to change their basic policy. The date was August, 1939, when they signed with Hitler. They did not want to, but they had to.

When this point will be reached again, and whether the cold war will at least a truce, is anybody's guess.

There is no indication, either in the Soviet press or Soviet actions, that this point has been reached.

Both the Americans and French feel that the Berlin stance of the West is the harbinger of the East-West cold war. They feel that here Russia and the West have clashed head-on. Neither can give up without some loss of prestige. They, therefore, feel that when Russia is ready to compromise on Berlin, it will be ready to compromise on other points of issue between East and West.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

FOR THE

MISS MARTHA MARY WHITACRE, Boyertown RD 2

BECAUSE her engagement to Mr. Robert W. Moyer, Boyertown RD 1, was announced recently.

The names and complete address of the author must accompany every contribution. Contributions on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 250 words will receive preference.

"think of yourself first and to blaze with the other fellow."

During Christmas week I had the pleasure of driving a parcel delivery truck for the postal authorities. On many streets in town it was impossible to park even close to the address for which I had a parcel. During the course of a day one might save many steps if he could get closer to the address he wanted. It only takes a moment to run the package to the front door and then be off in the truck.

A milkman would get very tired parking a block away and then lugging his case of milk all the way to the door and then going back for a refill to complete deliveries in that block. Just try it. The old delivery truck would have a difficult time pumping oil to your home if it could not be double parked at times.

I do not contend that double parking should become a common practice, but if a parking space is available nearby, one should at least pull the truck three-quarters of the way off the road.

Surely, you can spare a moment of your precious time waiting till traffic is cleared so you may pass. If you persist in blowing your horn to vent your emotions you had better get an earlier start down Charlotte street to your place of employment.

Boyetown R. O. B.

Yule Spirit in Reverse

To the Editor: I always thought that during the holiday season everyone should have the Christmas spirit.

Well, I did.

I sent cards to all my friends and also one to Penn Village. Well, I got the card back with this note:

"Thanks for the Christmas card but I don't need your wish for a merry one. I do think it takes a lot of nerve for you

The Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

Broadway Grapevine

LORETTA YOUNG is thrilled over the cable she just received from Princess Ethelberta congratulating her on her performance in "The Accused," which has been shown privately at Buckingham Palace. When Loretta was in England a year ago she met the princess, and Elizabeth confided, within earshot of a dozen dignitaries, that Loretta had long been her favorite American actress.

Greer Garson's close friends report they wouldn't be a bit surprised if "Mrs. Miniver" retired from pictures — but permanently — when she became Mrs. Buddy Fogelson.

Linda Christian has been under doctors' care in Europe. A "rundown condition" is the verdict.

Harold Lloyd will tour the country as Imperial Potentate of the Shrimers.

THIS IS STILL in the talk stage, but cinema insiders warn you not to be surprised to see Greta Garbo in a Joan Crawford film within the next year or so. In a straight, legitimate role, though — no shoe black mou-

stache. . . Shirley Temple will meet with the Hollywood Women's Press Club in January to pow-wow with them over how she happened to be named the most uncooperative actress of the year. Shirley's alibi is that she never refused a sample "legitimate" interview — the girls will talk it over.

The Tom Drake-Gloria Haley marriage has been postponed, but that's not the whole story; the romance is off.

RONALD COLMAN plans to come East in February to look for a Broadway play. . . Friends hear Barbara Hutton and her prince abandoned their plans to visit the United States this month because they had been approached for so many interviews and magazine picture layouts that they got frightened of the publicity involved. . . Uncle Sam will make lots of headlines between January and April of the coming year when he unveils half a dozen new airplanes, all of which are straight from the Buck Rogers comic strips. . . Mike Jacobs' pals are wearing Yuletide grins. The big promoter's health has taken a turn for the better. . . A cold wave sweeps Toots Shor's when Joe Di Maggio is there and Gloria King, the singer, walks in. Joe disputes the fact that they're related, although she swears there is a bonafide kinship. She says she changed her name (which really is Gloria De Maggio) because she didn't want to capitalize on Joe's fame.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

MARY K. 19, is an attractive looking coed.

"But, Dr. Crane, I am tortured with fear whenever I try to make a speech," she confessed.

"I blush and stammer. And even though I have memorized my talk, I have lapses of memory and cannot remember all of it. Sometimes my mind just goes blank, and I stand there, petrified with fear."

"Since my career demands that I learn how to stand up before people and gracefully make a talk, can't you please give me some psychological shortcuts by which I can attain that goal?"

EVERY BEGINNER is likewise embarrassed and fearful when he first tackles the job of performing in public! Take heart, therefore, by remembering that the best orators in the world have been timid blushing failures at the start in this regard, please remember stammering, introverted Demosthenes.

Besides, there is no royal road to platform poise. You gain that assurance just as you gain skill and confidence as a swimmer, namely, by repeated practice sessions.

I believe it was Arnold Bennett who said a two writer must not expect to attain literary success until he has written 1,000,000 words. This output represents the contents of about 20 modern novels.

And until you have addressed maybe 100 audiences of various sorts, you need not expect to be perfectly poised and proficient on the public platform.

But a talented coed pays rich dividends so force yourself to speak in public whenever possible.

There are several shortcuts which will speed up your success. If you cultivate people and extrovert yourself, that you are at ease in a crowd, this social poise will partially carry over to your public platform situation.

For a shy, blushing introvert will obviously suffer more torment on the stage than a self-sufficient, social creature.

Take courage, too, from the fact that when afflicted with stage fright, you look about ten times as nervous as you feel!

Your heart may then be racing wildly and you may fear you will die, but the audience will not know this except as it sees perspiration on your brow, or on your trembling hands.

At the outset, therefore, hold your hands behind you, or seize the edges of the pedestal top or grasp your music or lecture notes in BOTH hands and gently pull in opposite directions.

Be sure to practice until your voice is loud enough to be heard on the rear rows.

And work up an "anecdotal" type of address. Inject as much narration as possible into your speeches. For stories are easy to tell and interesting to listen to. Most people have at least fair ability in recounting stories.

Make sure your anecdotes are relevant, however, and capable of advancing your thought steadily forward.

to even send a card. Save your money the next time."

I think it is awful for a mother to have a Christmas spirit like that. I sure felt sorry for her little kiddies on Christmas morning.

Spring City MRS. ALBERT WERTZ

Dangers in Defense

To the Editor: I believe the United States has fallen into a war psychosis which was characteristic of France before World War II. This caused France to adopt a militaristic universal training program and create the Magnot line. The combination of these two factors broke France economically and made it easy for Germany to overcome France's financial system from within, and it made France complacent and easy for Germany to "sneak up" on from without.

I predict the same effects in the United States. We have our "Magnot line" in the atomic bomb. UMT will be another step to wild inflation. Inflation is not being checked by either party.

Pughtown E. W. JR.

Make It One Way Now

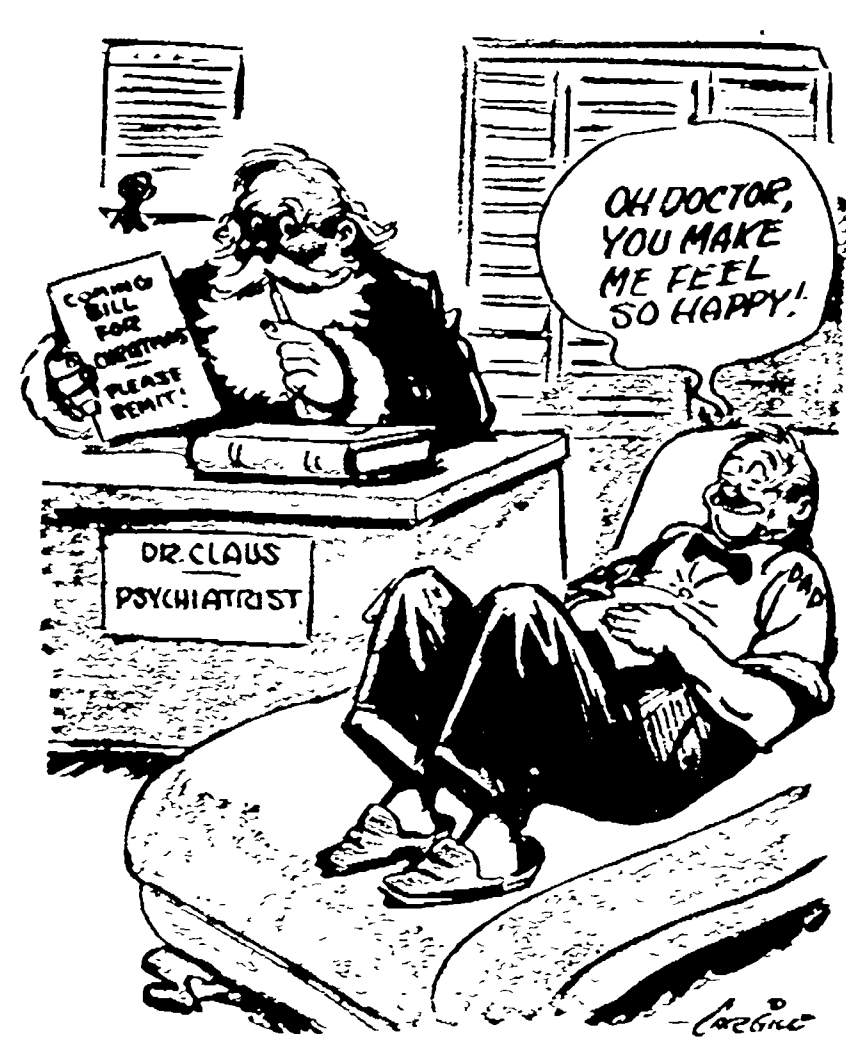
To the Editor: It was my understanding that Evans street is to be made a one-way street from South to Oak streets. If this is right, now is the time it should be done.

With snow piled along the curbs and cars parked farther out in the street than usual, there hardly is enough space for one-way, much less two-way traffic.

It appears that the borough could anticipate passage of an ordinance such as this and have the signs ready to put up when the law goes into effect.

Pottstown T. G. L.

"SOCKO-ANALYSIS"



Hollywood

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 29 — We can only hope that all of you had as wonderful a Christmas as we did — and a million thanks to you all for what seemed like \$23,678,923,000 messages and gifts.

Countless stars visited the Varsity hospitals over the holiday weekend. The gift of their time and talents was the best Yuletide gesture they or anyone could make toward helping the spirits of the confined ladies — and their own souls. Jane Harnvey, the thurs, canceled out two very lucrative Ed-Maureen O'Hara engagements at the very last moment to fly with Bob Hope and his troupe to Berlin to entertain our troops there. Sonny Tufts stayed for Loretta Young at the Saville hospital and performed for 1000 patients — after playing two earlier benefits same day. . . . Maureen O'Hara was faced with a big problem this Christmas. Her daughter had exuberantly asked for a new brother and sister.

EVIE JOHNSON gave Van a garbage — disposal unit and he went domestic too, and reciprocated with a washing machine. . . . This is the time of year to read or re-read Oscar Wilde's exquisite short story, "The Happy Prince." No more than a fifteen minute perusal time is needed for this bit of prose, the beauty of which makes you weep. We've found that the other months to read "The Happy Prince" are January through November.

GLENN FORD HAS just signed a new contract with Columbia which keeps him at that studio for the next seven years — but only, yes, he gets one picture a year there. It pays Glenn close to a hundred thousand dollars per picture — and permits him any outside movies — or radio and television deals, he must whip up. . . . Little Lena Lynn, the singer who is scoring such a hit in New York at present was put under contract at Metro over ten years ago — when she was a mere child. But they did nothing with her and off she went into the wild blue yonder of stage and night-club engagements. She's the gal who was originally sent to Hollywood with money raised by school friends in her home town in New Jersey — because they had so much faith in her talents.

EDWARD ARNOLD will be playing Joan Caulfield's Poppy again in "Dear Wife" (sequel to "Dear Ruth") along with all the other cast members who were in the first picture about that certain family. When Bill Holden takes this one, he goes into "My Next Husband" with Roz Russell. All he needs next is a movie titled, "Husband and wife" to make the cycle complete. . . . Tallulah Bankhead's latest romance is Bill Langford. But she still clings around with Fred Keating, an old, old pal. Keating is so attractive and has such great stage-presence and delivery — it's nice to know that things which were very rugged with him or so long, are working up for him in a big way — career-wise.

In Retrospect 50 Years Ago

December 30, 1898
TUXEDO CAMPING CLUB — The Tuxedo Camping club met at the home of Andrew Klein, Beech street near Johnson. William F. Hartenstein is president. The following attended: Hartenstein, Warren Geiger, John N. Smale, John Rosenberger, John Bickel, Isaac Wland, Martin Vergey, Ernest Koch, Newton Levensood and George Faber.

FOX HUNT—Col. Merit M. Missimer, M. M. Missimer Jr., Brooke Todd, Fred Smith and Carroll Smith, members of Belwood Hunt club, attended a fox hunt in the Chestnut Hill regions.

I, A C ELECTION—The Ideal Athletic club elected the following officers: Dwight Strohl, president, W. E. Bortz, vice president, Elmer Ehrgood, recording secretary, Samuel Kinkinner financial secretary, and Frank Beerbrower, treasurer.

25 Years Ago
December 30, 1923
SURPRISE PARTY—Stanley R. Kepner 122 East Third street was given a surprise party on his 52nd birthday by members of the Normal class of Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday school of which he is the teacher. A program was presented by Helen E. Kinkeldey, Mrs. Edna Thompson and Marion Zollers.

LATE DANDELION — Mrs. James W. Butz, of Palm, served fresh dandelion and drier. The dandelion was picked just before the "White Christmas" snow.

NEW DANCE FLOOR—Pottstown Elks opened their new dance floor with a ball. An addition to the building has been erected.

10 Years Ago
December 30, 1938
INSURANCE MEN HONORED—Lewis I. Rann, of 1120 High street, and Clayton C. Lachman, of 73 Edgewood street, were honored in observance of 25 years of service as insurance men. The event was held at the West End firehouse, Stowe. Each received from the company a diamond-studded gold pocket.

HOOVER WINS—Eugene Hoover, 321 South street, was elected president of the Good Will Fire company. He defeated George R. Boyer, 79 to 50. At the regular election the candidates were tied. Hoover headed the company in 1936.

C. E. ELECTION—The Christian Endeavor society of the Pughtown Baptist church elected the following officers: J. Clarence Wynn, president, Mrs. George Weidman, vice president, Mrs. Leon Bechtel, secretary, George G. Weidman, treasurer, and Mrs. Wynn, pianist.

How's Your Mind?

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. Which of the states border on the Gulf of Mexico?
2. There is an old song which says, "She's my Annie, I'm her Joe," what is her last name?
3. What is an edelweiss?
4. Of what is lard made?
5. What did the parents of Ulysses Simpson Grant actually name him?



Ex-secretary Ex-reporter

JOBS UPON A TIME

Cathy O'Donnell's first home was in St. Paul, Minn. Her name was Ann Steeg. While still a youngster, Cathy moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., where she worked as a secretary, although she was more interested in dramatics. She saved enough money for a trip to Hollywood, and was spotted by an agent at a drug store, who took her to a motion picture studio for a role in "East Years of Our Lives. Her latest is "The Spiritualist."

Russell Crouse, writer, born in England, Ohio, was just a boy when he came to New York to seek his fortune and was hired as a reporter and rewrite man by a newspaper. Later he was columnist for two New York newspapers, then became a Broadway press agent, and next did musicals, "Anything Goes," "Red Hot and Blue" and "Hooray for What." With Howard Lindsay, Crouse was co-author of "Life With Father." "Step for Action," "State of the Union" and won the Pulitzer prize for 1946. He was co-producer of "Arsenic and Old Lace." With Lindsay he has also produced "Life With Father" and "Life with Mother."

MODERN MANNERS
Don't let yourself slip into slovenly habits if you are living in crowded quarters. Good table manners and courtesy may be maintained even under those circumstances.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On Dec. 30, 1853, the Gadsden Purchase and new boundary treaty was ratified by the United States and Mexico. Rudyard Kipling, English author, was born in India on Dec. 30, 1865, and the late Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York state and presidential candidate, was born on the same day in 1873.

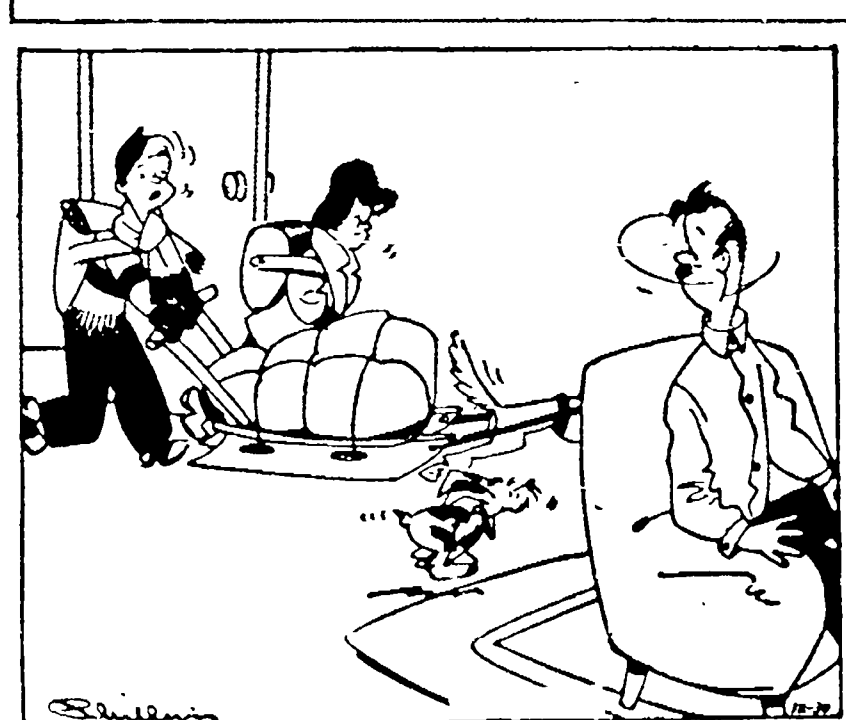
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday today to Ervin Rudolph, billiards champion.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.
2. Rooney
3. An Alpine perennial plant found in Switzerland and other mountain countries.
4. Fat obtained from hogs
5. Kieran Olysses Grant.

Pottstown Sketches

By PHILLIPS



"Sorry, Mr. Russell Hummel, but according to our compass this is the shortest route to the North Pole."

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

A Champ Himself!... Hyacinth Blooms...

CHAMPION! — If Allan Robert Badrow could be interviewed—he'd be two early Saturday morning—he'd advise all babies to become the first children of the year. He was one himself, once! So he can vouch what benefits derive from being the first babe of the year! Allan Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Badrow, Douglassville RD 2. He was born in Boston, Mass., almost two years ago, a few minutes after midnight January 1, 1947. So he became the first babe of the year there, and won the title in a contest staged by the Parkway Transcript, a Boston neighborhood newspaper. He got a flock of awards, including a portrait, a sweater, a number of player records and a flock of merchandise orders on Boston stores. . . .

ALL THIS WHILE Mrs. Badrow was a patient in the hospital who hadn't even seen her illustrious son. She got a look at his picture when it appeared in the Parkway Transcript. But she didn't see her son until he was 12 days old because she was confined to a contagious diseases wing of the hospital. She got a look at the lusty fellow when she was discharged from the hospital. Norman Badrow, father of the champion, was working in Boston then, later moved to Douglassville. The child's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Andersen, also live there. Badrow is employed now at Doehrer's. He

Boyerstown
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Boyerstown Companies Entertain Employees And Children at 3 Separate Yule Parties

The employees and their children were entertained at three separate Christmas parties given recently by the Union Manufacturing company and the Fashion Hosiery Mills, Inc., both of Boyertown.

On Dec. 22 at 6:30 p. m. at the Washington house in Bethlehem, approximately 150 employees and guests of the Union Manufacturing company were entertained.

Boyerstown Classified

Deaths
KOCHE—In Boyertown on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1948, Mary G. (Grinn) Koch, widow of Abraham D. Koch, aged 83. Relatives and friends are invited to services in Good Shepherd church, Boyertown, Pa., on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1948, at 10 a. m. Burial in the cemetery.

SANDS—In Boyertown on Monday, Dec. 27, 1948, Irving L. (Bushman) Sands, aged 76 years. Relatives and friends are invited to services from residence in Colebrookdale, Boyertown RD 2, on Sunday at 2 p. m. Burial in the cemetery. Friends may call Saturday evening 7 to 9.

SHENK—In Boyertown on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1948, Emma (Huttle) Shenk, widow of the late William Shenk, aged 90 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, on Friday at 1 p. m. Burial in the cemetery. Friends may call Thursday evening 7 to 9.

KULP—In Sellersville on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1948, Lizzie F. (Hoffman) Kulp, aged 79 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, on Saturday at 1:30 p. m. Burial in the cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening 7 to 9.

Card of Thanks
BROOKE
We wish to thank relatives, neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness shown, for sympathy extended, and for the beautiful floral tributes at the funeral of Hannah M. Brooke. The FAMILY.

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TELEVISION TALK SCHEDULED
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700 Attend Banquet Of Auto Body Works Held at Sunnybrook

More than 700 persons attended the 23d annual banquet of the Boyertown Auto Body Works, Inc., and the Boyertown Body and Equipment company at Sunnybrook ballroom, Pottstown, Tuesday night.

Highlight of the affair was the distribution of annual Christmas bonuses to employees by B. Frank Hafer, secretary-treasurer of the company.

Paul R. Hafer, company president, welcomed the group and introduced various department heads. He discussed a slogan he presented at the 1947 banquet, "Things Look Great for '48," and announced his slogan for the new year, "Things Look Fine for '49."

Another feature of the banquet was showing of various colored pictures of individuals and groups taken at the annual picnic held at the Hafer farms, near Pleasant Run, last summer.

MUSIC FOR THE AFFAIR was furnished by Bill Williams and his orchestra, while Lloyd B. Fritz, production co-ordinator, led the singing of Christmas carols. Joanne Fritz sang a solo.

Brief remarks were made by B. Frank Hafer, secretary-treasurer, and by the Rev. Dr. Harold E. Hafer, pastor of Faith Reformed church, Lancaster. Dr. Jesse G. Hafer, Pottstown physician, was scheduled to speak, but arrived late due to his professional duties. Prayer was led by Lloyd B. Fritz.

A turkey dinner was served by Hartenstein's catering service, and gifts were distributed to employees, their guests and children.

The Boyertown Auto Body Works was organized in 1927, at the same location of the present plant at Third and Walnut streets. Annual "family" members started in 1929 when a member of the firm returned from a hunting trip and treated the employees and their wives, about 30 persons in all, to a moose dinner at the Central hotel, now Dr. C. B. Dotterer's office building.

During the holiday season the Boyertown YMCA recreation rooms have been the scene of several parties for the young people. The rooms have been appropriately decorated with holiday greens, including a "living" Christmas tree and a manger scene, arranged by a committee from the homes and garden section of the Boyertown Woman's club headed by Mrs. Mark Campbell.

The Girls' Gra-Y club under the leadership of Miss Beth Keesley, held a Christmas party in the rooms Saturday evening. Christmas when a gift exchange, games and refreshments were featured. This group also went caroling.

A Christmas party for the younger boys and girls, with more than 50 in attendance, was held Thursday of the past week. This was in charge of the room supervisors, Mrs. Warren Grofe, Mrs. Franklin Gotshall and Harry Mutter, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Carichter. Moving pictures, carol singing, games and refreshments comprised the entertainment.

On Thursday of this week the older boys and girls will have an informal get-together at the "Y" rooms. All teen-agers are invited to attend.

Summons Served
Richard G. Green, attorney for William W. Remington in his \$100,000 libel suit against Elizabeth T. Bentley (above) said yesterday in New York that he personally served a summons on her.

Local 'Y' to Conduct Men's Gym Classes On Thursday Nights
Starting Thursday, Jan. 6 and continuing through March, the Boyertown YMCA will conduct gym classes each Thursday night for young men and older men at the Boyertown High school gymnasium.

The classes will be under the direction of Warren O. Fry, high school physical director, who will be assisted from time to time by other members of the high school athletic department staff.

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Boyerstown Girl Scouts Troop 10 at 7 p. m. in the Lutheran church.
Lions club at 7 p. m. in the Boyer Towne inn.
Chapel choir rehearsal at 7 p. m. in the Reformed church.

DEATHS - FUNERALS
Funeral services for HANNAH M. (BERTOLET) BROOKE, widow of Robert G. Brooke of Schwenksville RD 1, near Eaglesville, were held yesterday at 2 p. m. from a funeral home at 124 West Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown.
Rev. William L. Shaud, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, officiated. Burial was made in Fairview cemetery.
The bearers were Fred Smith, William Robert, Eugene and William Bertolet, Gunnar Johnson and Charles Sheffield.

Funeral services for ESTHER MARIE KNEPP, GILBERTSVILLE, daughter of Mary E. (Kerr) and the late Cloyd J. Knepp, were held yesterday from a Warwick street funeral home in Boyertown. Mr. William Ogelsby, of Reading, officiated. Interment was made in Highland Memorial park, Pottstown.
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Lions Club to Present Religious Play Tonight

"Jesus Comes to Our Town," a 15-minute one-act playlet will be presented at the regular meeting of the Boyertown Lions club tonight at the Boyer Towne inn. Participating will be Charles Trout Jr., Janell Landis, William Brumbach and the Rev. Harper L. Schneek, pastor of the Reformed church, Charles Trout Jr., a student at Heidelberg college, Tiffin, Ohio, will also present a tenor solo.

Service Women Donate Radios to Valley Forge

The Service Women, Wives and Sisters donated seven bedside radios to the Valley Forge hospital on Christmas Day. Mrs. Ivy Fryer and Mrs. Arthur Fryer presented them to the hospital.

The association donated \$10 and cookies to the Legion Christmas party.

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Library Club Plans Party for New Year

A "White Elephant New Year's Party" will be given at the monthly meeting of Women's Library Club of Spring City Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The affair will be in charge of the membership and transportation chairman, Mrs. Charles M. Taylor, and Mrs. C. Robert Taylor, and their committees. All members have been urged to bring their gifts wrapped.

Games will be provided for those who do not play cards. Mrs. Ivin C. Young, club president, urged all members to bring their envelopes with contributions for the March of Dimes fund.

Worker Injured in Fall Off Lumber Pile at Mill

William Gopinski, 55, of 39 Franklin avenue, Phoenixville, an employee of Bush Brothers Planning mill, Royersford, was treated in Phoenixville hospital for bruises of the left side of his body after he fell from a lumber pile here Tuesday.

Vincent Lodge to Meet At Odd Fellows Temple

A weekly meeting of Vincent Lodge 782, IOOF, will be conducted tonight at 7:30 o'clock in Odd Fellows temple. Applications for membership will be included in the business.

The board of directors of the Hall association has called a special meeting following the lodge session, to transact important business. During the holiday season a collection is being taken for the special benefit of members now in the Middletown home.

Local Bocce Club Plans New Year's Eve Party

A gala New Year's eve party has been planned for tomorrow night at the American-Italian Bocce club, 423 Pine street, Royersford.

A big floor show has been arranged for 10:30 o'clock. Snob Hunter and his orchestra will play for dancing. Each member will be allowed to bring a guest.

Christmas Party Given By Needleworks Union

Branch 139 Royersford Needleworks union sponsored its first Christmas party with more than 100 present in the club house at the American-Italian Bocce club last night. A buffet lunch was served, and Ray Kennedy and his orchestra played for dancing.

The committee in charge comprised Paul Budyk, chairman; Robert Fulmer, Martin Maner and Harrison Shaner.

Girl Scouts of Troop 27 Skate at Ringing Rocks

Girl Scouts of Spring City Troop 27 met in the Reformed church Monday night, with their leader, Mrs. Robert Painter. Dividing into three groups, each put on a skit, one giving "Dagwood and Blondie," another, "Dick Tracy," and the third, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

A skating party was held Tuesday night at Ringing Rocks. Approximately 79, including the Scouts, attended the affair.

Betrothal of Miss Thum To David Erb Announced

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Helen Thum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thum, 195 Franklin avenue, Phoenixville, and David H. Erb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Erb Sr., 723 Washington street, Royersford.

The coming bride is a graduate of St. Mary's high school, Phoenixville, with the 1946 class and is employed at Schuylkill Valley Mills, Spring City. Mr. Erb a graduate of Royersford high school with the class of 1946, is employed by a Pottstown auto parts concern.

MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irey, 337 Bridge street, Spring City, observed their 25th wedding anniversary yesterday.

Twin-Boro Classified

Deaths
BEAN - In Phoenixville hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1948, Henrietta S. wife of Walter C. Bean. Relatives and friends are invited to the service at the funeral home of W. D. Grace, 602 Washington street, Pottstown, on Saturday at 2 p. m. in Interment Fernwood cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening 7 to 9. (Gelse)

Card of Thanks
I wish to thank my many friends for the cards received while in Bryn Mawr hospital.
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DEATHS - FUNERALS

MRS. HENRIETTA (CAUFFMAN) BEAN, 70, wife of Walter C. Bean, ROYERSFORD RD 1, died in Phoenixville hospital yesterday morning at 3:10 o'clock. She had been admitted to the hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Bean was born in Phoenixville, daughter of the late Daniel and Isabella Cauffman, but lived in Royersford and vicinity most of her life. She was a member of Royersford Baptist church and the Ladies' Aid society. Mr. and Mrs. Bean observed their 49th wedding anniversary Dec. 4.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Byron K., with whom she lived the past year; a son, Clarence, Tampa, Fla.; a granddaughter and a great-grandchild; also a sister, Mrs. Sadie Cassel, Seattle, Wash., and a brother, Harry Cauffman, Trooper, funeral services will be held in a funeral home at 600 Washington street, Royersford, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Fernwood cemetery.

KARL FILSKOW, 38, of 2 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRING CITY, died early yesterday morning at his home.

The husband of the late Antonette (Rehner) Filschow, he had been living at the home of a granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav A. Loehr, for the past three months.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Meta Podzwiet, of Germantown; two other grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street, Pottstown. The Rev. Paul J. Henry, of Spring City, will officiate.

Cremation will be made in Reading.

Miss Iris Neye Engaged To Pasquale DiGuseppe

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Neye, Valley View, announced the engagement of their daughter, Iris, to Pasquale DiGuseppe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Liberatore DiGuseppe, 437 Fifth avenue, Royersford.

Miss Neye, a graduate of Higgins high school, is employed in a Phoenixville restaurant. Mr. DiGuseppe was graduated from Royersford high school. He is attending Spring Garden institute, Philadelphia. No wedding date has been set.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Raymond Dimocenti, Royersford RD 1, was admitted to Phoenixville hospital.

Mrs. H. O. Schlessman and infant son, Spring City, were discharged.

BALLY

Miss Clara Gehman, corr. Phone Bally 43-R-3. Francis Campbell, delivery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry became the parents of a son at their home in the Allen Schantz apartments recently. Mrs. Henry is the former Dorothy Adam.

Janet Bechtel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bechtel, who is a freshman in Bluffton college, Ohio, is spending her vacation with her parents. Robert Shelly, son of the Rev. Wilmer Shelly and Richard Simons, son of Mrs. Mary Simons, also students at the same college, are also spending their vacation with their parents. They will leave for school on Jan. 3.

Paul Longacre was admitted to the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia recently, and underwent a spinal operation.

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Larue Knauss, who is employed in Wilmington, Del., spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Leo Scnell, Bally.

Mame Laudenslauger, who lives with the family of Vincent Sausler, spent the weekend with her son, Samuel, in Norristown.

Abraham Godshall Jr., Kulpsville, is spending several days with his aunts, Bertha and Lizzie Gehman.

RAILROAD TO CUT STAFF

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29 (AP) - Laurence F. Whittenmore, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, reiterated today that an "extensive" reduction in the company's personnel will be made as an economy measure.

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Honeymoon—He's 83, She's 33



Dr. David Roberts, 83, Waukesha, Wis., honeymoon at Minneapolis, Minn., with his 33-year-old bride, the former Elizabeth Walker of Milwaukee, Wis. She's his fourth.

Egypt Cries Revenge At Premier's Burial

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 29 (AP)—Egypt gave a soldier's funeral today to Mahmud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, assassinated prime minister.

In the role-long procession headed by red-fezzed troops, youths of the premier's Socialist party wept and shouted for vengeance against the Muslim Brotherhood.

They shouted against Saeed Hassan el Barna, Muslim Brotherhood leader, and declared, "We will avenge your death Nokrashy."

Police said that the assassin who killed the premier yesterday was Abdel Hamid Ahmed Hassan, 21-year-old Fuad I university student and a member of the Muslim Brotherhood which was outlawed three weeks ago for terrorist political activities.

At one point police tried to break up the demonstration, but the youths forced their way back into the procession.

Man Enroute to Hospital To Visit Injured Son Dies

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 (AP)—William Carr, 72, of Newark, N. J., died today in an automobile enroute to a hospital to visit his son who was seriously burned in an explosion Dec. 23.

Detective Norman Goodis said Carr collapsed after he was met by a friend at 30th street station.

The son, William J. Carr, of suburban Philadelphia, was burned when a bleaching solution he was using on a kitchen floor exploded.

Five million eight hundred thousand automobiles entered Canada from the United States in 1947.

Forrestal Says Truman Backs Plan For Federalizing Air National Guard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The proposal for Federalizing the Air National Guard has the agreement of President Truman, Defense Secretary Forrestal indicated tonight.

He made public, as part of his first annual report, a special accounting to Mr. Truman on civilian components of the armed services, including the National Guard and reserve organizations. The special report was in answer to an executive order the past October for Forrestal to begin immediately the strengthening of the reserve components.

While the defense secretary urged consolidation of the Air National Guard and air reserve organization under the regular Air Force, he took cognizance of vigorous opposition by the states to the recommendation by a special defense board the past Summer that the ground National Guard also be Federalized.

He said he thought the idea was militarily sound, but he reserved judgment because any attempt to Federalize the ground National Guard might produce "serious schisms."

FEDERALIZATION of the Air National Guard has the unanimous approval of the secretaries of Army, Navy and Air and the joint chiefs of staff, Forrestal wrote the President and then added:

"Since I understand from our oral discussions of this subject that you are fully in accord with this view, I have directed the preparation of legislation which would permit the consolidation under Federal direction of these reserve components of the Air Force. This is a matter of great urgency, and no step could do more for the creation of a really effective reserve air component."

Forrestal said the role of the Air National Guard "is almost exclusively confined to national preparedness" and that "it is

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TREASURY BALANCE

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"I RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, that other considerations must be weighed in the balance in determining whether, from all standpoints, and not merely from the point of view of military effectiveness, such a step is or is not desirable."

"In the case of the ground elements of the national guard and the organized reserve, I believe, when all these varied considerations are introduced, and in spite of the compelling military considerations which support such action, that the matter is sufficiently doubtful to merit further study."

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Truman Opens Work On New Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — President Truman acted today to whip into shape a new, multi-billion program of foreign aid, designed to promote recovery abroad and strengthen defenses against Communism.

He directed government agencies to provide him promptly with an overall picture of the proposed spending, including military and economic aid. On the basis of their reports he will lay a program before Congress for action.

The State department disclosed that it will have charge of wrapping together all the estimates for military aid to foreign nations.

James A. Gross, State department legal advisor, was assigned this task with the title of co-ordinator for foreign assistance programs.

Foreign economic aid proposals will be rounded up by Paul G. Hoffman, economic co-operation administrator.

What they report to Mr. Truman is expected to form the basis of his foreign policy address to be delivered to Congress some time after his state of the union message, which is scheduled for next Wednesday.

SCREAMS FOIL —
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robbed Bechtel's restaurant, High street and Moser road.

William Voltz, bartender at the cafe, and Mrs. Betty Bianchini, manager of the restaurant, both identified the man as being 5 feet, 7 inches tall and about 21 years old, wearing dungaree jacket and trousers and having dark hair.

Voltz, unlike Mrs. Bianchini, saw the bandit unmasks and reported that his face was pumphy. That factor, plus a change of clothes, were the only identifications which came from Mrs. Trojanowski's description of the young man.

The holdup man's nervousness last night and in his encounter with Voltz might also link the two robberies. Voltz scared him off by defying orders and telling the intruder to open the register himself.

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Celebrate New Year's Eve
With US
Noise Makers — Balloons
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FOR THAT MIDNIGHT SNACK or DINNER
Ladies as well as Men enjoy dining here.
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT
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Phone Changed to LINFIELD 2148

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Where You Roller Skate and Picnic With the Best
SKATING—WED., FRI., SUN.
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ROUTE 422 17 E. HIGH ST STOWE
For New Year's Eve Reservations Phone 9196

BURGLARY, THEFT —

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Motor Patrolman Earl Rhoads investigated the burglary.

THE BURGLARIES were added to the police list of unsolved crimes, which, like "Topsy," have "just grown" during the past six months.

In December alone, and the month isn't ended, \$439 has been taken from two business places and the Junior High school.

On Dec. 5, the Cloverleaf restaurant, Beech and Charlotte streets, was entered and \$330 stolen from the cash register.

On Dec. 14, \$30 was stolen from teachers' desks at the Junior High school.

On Dec. 27, after falling in an attempt at the Jefferson House cafe, an unidentified holdup man took \$50 from the Bechtel Ice Cream company restaurant at High street and Moser road.

Another holdup attempt at the grocery of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Trojanowski at 4 East Fourth street was thwarted early last night.

PRIOR TO DECEMBER, the list of major unsolved crimes, in chronological order, is:

July 12—\$370 stolen from the Texas Hot Wiener shop, 154 High street.

July 18 or 19—\$5000 in silverware and jewelry stolen from the home of Ernest W. Hunter, Wilson street and Burdian drive.

Aug. 18—\$70 stolen from the clothing of Carpenter William Drabinski, 453 Chestnut street, while he was working on a new home at 615 Spruce street.

Aug. 15-18—Two wrist watches valued at \$125 stolen from the home of Charles L. Sculz, Park court.

Oct. 5—More than \$1750 in cash and valuables stolen from the home of Thomas Senuk, 411 South street.

Nov. 19-26—Gold cross and chain valued at \$150, gold cross valued at \$18 and \$9 in change stolen from Central Episcopal Church.

Nov. 21—Wrist watches valued at \$50 taken from the window of the William L. Stone and Son Jewelry store, 210 High street.

Nov. 28—\$24.65 stolen from the Pottstown Cold Storage plant, Charlotte and Water streets.

BOOK DEALER DIES
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 (AP) — Eugene Marder, 64-year-old internationally known rare book dealer, died yesterday in St. Luke's hospital.

CRASH PROBE —
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WE WILL CLOSE AT 6 P. M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Many Soap Flakes
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OCTAGON
TOILET SOAP
Reduced to
3 cakes 25¢

FELS-NAPTHA
SOAP
Reduced to
3 bars 25¢

FELS-NAPTHA
SOAP CHIPS
Reduced to
large pkg. 31¢

KIRKMAN'S
SOAP FLAKES
Reduced to
large pkg. 33¢

SILVER DUST
SOAP POWDER
Reduced to
large pkg. 34¢

SOAPINE
SOAP POWDER
Reduced to
large pkg. 33¢

OCTAGON
SOAP POWDER
40-oz. pkg. 24¢

GOLD DUST
SOAP POWDER
large pkg. 22¢

OCTAGON
LAUNDRY SOAP
3 bars 25¢

LIFEBUOY
HEALTH SOAP
3 regular cakes 28¢

LUX
TOILET SOAP
3 regular cakes 28¢

SWAN
SOAP
3 regular cakes 31¢

SWAN
SOAP
Reduced to
2 large cakes 33¢

LUX
TOILET SOAP
2 bath size cakes 27¢

SWEETHEART
DELUXE BATH SOAP
2 bath size cakes 27¢

BRIGHT SAIL
SOAP FLAKES
Reduced to
large pkg. 25¢

SUPER SUDS
GRANULATED SOAP
Reduced to
57-oz. pkg. 81¢

OXYDOL
GRANULATED SOAP
Reduced to
giant size 89¢

DUZ
GRANULATED SOAP
Reduced to
giant size 89¢

If you're planning special "high jinks" for New Year's Eve, be sure to stock up on A&P's wonderful party foods. A&P has big assortments of all the things merrymakers like to eat . . . and the prices are mighty attractive. Helping you save money is A&P's New Year's Resolution . . . Come in today — or any day in the week and let us prove its reality!

Pork Shoulders Fresh Picnic Style lb. 39¢

Pork Loin Roast Rib End up to 4 1/2 lbs. lb. 41¢

Chuck Roast Super-Right Close-Trimmed lb. 45¢

Stewing Chickens Top Quality 4 to 6 Pounds lb. 55¢

Fresh Hams Shank Half lb. 59¢

Hormel Hams Family Size Can No Bones—No Skin No Shank 6 1/2 lb. can \$7.69

Smoked Hams Sunnyfield or Falin's Tenderized Shank Half lb. 59¢

Smoked Picnics 4 to 6 Pounds lb. 43¢

Cheese Domestic Swiss 1/4 lb. 19¢

Baked Loaf 1/2 lb. 31¢

Frankfurts Swift's Armour's 1 lb. or Dero's 1 lb. pkg. 55¢

Oysters Stewing 1/2 pt. can 45¢

Oysters Frying 1/2 pt. can 49¢

Long Bologna lb. 53¢

Large Bologna lb. 53¢

Luncheon Meat Spiced 1/4 lb. 18¢

Shrimp Cooked and Peeled 1/4 lb. 35¢

Crabmeat Regular White Lump lb. 89¢

Large Ripe Bananas NONE HIGHER 2 lb. 25¢

Pascal Celery California Crisp NONE HIGHER Jumbo Stalk 23¢

String Beans Florida Round 2 lb. 29¢

Fresh Spinach Cleaned and Washed 10-oz. pkg. 19¢

Fresh Strawberries Florida pint box 29¢

Large Prunes 1-lb. bag 21¢

Large Prunes 2-lb. bag 41¢

Diamond Walnuts lb. 49¢

Anjou Pears 2 lb. 23¢

Fruit Juices *Florida Sugar added or unsweetened 2 46-oz. cans 37¢ 3 18-oz. cans 25¢

Beverages Yukon Club Ginger Ale or Club Soda—Plus bottle deposit and Penna. State Tax large bottle 10¢

Grape Juice A & P pint bottle 16¢ WELCH'S pint bottle 25¢

G. L. F. Beans with Pork and Tomato Sauce while the supply lasts 6 1-lb. cans 45¢

Lemon Juice 3 5 1/2-oz. cans 20¢

Juice 3 18-oz. cans 29¢ 2 46-oz. cans 39¢

Pickles Dill or Sour quart jar 25¢

Pickles Mayfield Sweet Mixed 12-oz. jar 17¢

Pickles Mayfield Sweet 8-oz. jar 18¢

Boned Chicken 6-oz. can 79¢

Coca Cola 6 bottles 25¢

Root Beer 2 28-oz. bottles 25¢

7-Up 6 7-oz. bottles 25¢

Cherries With Syrup 4-oz. bottle 21¢

Cherries With Syrup 8-oz. bottle 39¢

Olives Sultana Stuffed Marzani 3 1/2-oz. bottles 41¢

Olives Sultana Stuffed Olives 10-oz. bottle 75¢

Ripe Olives Libby's Sliced or Branded 1/2-cup can 31¢

Desserts Ann Page Sparkle Gelatin Popular Flavors 3 pkg. 19¢

Puddings Ann Page Sparkle Popular Flavors 3 pkg. 17¢

Potato Stix 4-oz. pkg. 19¢

Pretzels 2 10-oz. pkg. 29¢

Vegetable Shortening dexo 1-lb. can 37¢ 3-lb. can \$1.05

Tea Bags 1/2 of 30 41¢ pkg. of 100 79¢

Thin Mints Reduced to 1 lb. box 43¢

Mints Richardson's After Dinner 2 4-oz. pkg. 19¢

Cup Cakes 6 for 39¢

Apple Pies each 49¢

Mince Pies each 59¢

Bread Marvel White 14-oz. loaf 14¢ 24-oz. loaf 19¢

Rye Bread 12-oz. loaf 16¢

Baked Goods
NEW YEAR'S
Layer Cake
You're sure to make a hit with the family by serving this delicious Jane Parker 4 layer cake.
ATTRACTIVELY BOXED
each 69¢
New Year's
Cup Cakes 6 for 39¢
Pumpkin or
Apple Pies each 49¢
Jane Parker
Mince Pies each 59¢
Marvel White
Bread 14-oz. loaf 14¢ 24-oz. loaf 19¢
Party
Rye Bread 12-oz. loaf 16¢

Plum Tax and Deposit
Coca Cola 6 bottles 25¢
Hires (Plus Tax and Deposit)
Root Beer 2 28-oz. bottles 25¢
7-Up 6 7-oz. bottles 25¢
Maraschino
Cherries With Syrup 4-oz. bottle 21¢
Cherries With Syrup 8-oz. bottle 39¢
Sultana Stuffed Marzani
Olives 3 1/2-oz. bottles 41¢
Sultana Stuffed Olives
Libby's Sliced or Branded
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Ann Page Sparkle Gelatin
Popular Flavors 3 pkg. 19¢
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Popular Flavors 3 pkg. 17¢
Potato Stix 4-oz. pkg. 19¢
Crope Pretzel Stix or
Pretzels 2 10-oz. pkg. 29¢
Vegetable Shortening
dexo 1-lb. can 37¢ 3-lb. can \$1.05
Tea Bags 1/2 of 30 41¢ pkg. of 100 79¢
Warwick Chocolates
Thin Mints Reduced to 1 lb. box 43¢
Richardson's After Dinner
Mints 2 4-oz. pkg. 19¢

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Red Circle 1-lb. bag 44¢ 3-lb. bag \$1.27
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BIRDS EYE PEAS
2 pgs. 55¢
Each package is equivalent to 2 lbs. of Fresh Peas

SNOW CROP ORANGE JUICE
2 cans 45¢

CAP'N JOHN'S FILLET OF FLOUNDER
1 lb. pkg. 59¢

JANE PARKER POTATO CHIPS
5-oz. bag 25¢ 10-oz. bag 49¢
1 lb. 79¢

Warwick Sliced
Peanuts 8-oz. bag 19¢ 16-oz. bag 37¢

Ann Page
Mayonnaise pint jar 39¢

Ann Page
Salad Dressing pint jar 29¢

Ann Page Creamy
Peanut Butter 1-lb. jar 35¢

Pappas
Cranberry Sauce 2 16-oz. cans 27¢

Ann
Sweet Peas 2 20-oz. cans 21¢

A & P
Sauer Kraut 2 27-oz. cans 23¢

A & P Fancy, Libby's or Del Monte
Peaches Sliced 27-oz. can 29¢

A & P Fancy
Apple Sauce 2 20-oz. cans 25¢

Dole Fancy Crushed
Pineapple 2 9-oz. cans 31¢

Summer Isle Brand
Pineapple Slices 30-oz. can 31¢

Del Monte, Libby's or A&P Fancy
Pears Bartlett Halves 29-oz. can 43¢

Heroes' Welcome Planned for Rescuers And Stranded Men

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A heroes' ticker-tape welcome in New York is in the making for 12 U. S. airmen and the two fliers who battled against bitter Arctic cold to rescue them from a lofty ice cap in Greenland.

At Westover, Mass., air base, Air Force spokesmen said the 14 will be flown direct from Greenland to La Guardia field in New York if weather conditions permit.

Nine of the 12 who were stranded have been flown to Blue West One, Air Force base in Southern Greenland. The other three, and the two rescue fliers, were awaiting transportation at Blue West Eight base, 20 miles northwest of the 7800-foot high ice field where the 12 were marooned. They were picked up and flown to safety at 10:08 a. m., yesterday after repeated earlier rescue attempts had failed.

The rescue plane, a C47 transport equipped with skis and powerful rocket boosters for the tricky takeoff, was piloted by 32-year-old Lt. Col. Emil J. Beaudry of Manchester, N. H., hero of another rescue exploit in Newfoundland a year ago.

Riding with Beaudry on the rescue mission was Lt. Charles H. Bicknell of San Antonio, Tex.

A NEW SIDELIGHT on Beaudry's spectacular feat was disclosed by an Air Force jet expert at Westover base, who said Beaudry had to gamble on his jet equipment freezing and mistaking in the extreme cold when he plucked the 12 men from the ice cap.

Lt. Herman Zwinger, of Oradell, N. J., said makers of the rocket-propeller fluid recommend that bottles containing chemicals for quick takeoff thrusts be kept at a temperature not colder than 32 degrees above zero.

Zwinger told newsmen that Beaudry couldn't have taken much more time than the 38 minutes he used in picking up the castaways and roaring back into the skies.

New details of how the men lived and how they fared in their lonely vigil were related by an Air Force public relations officer at Harmon field, Newfoundland. He said the men suffered only slight loss of weight and lived in "comparative luxury" as U. S. planes flew over the scene and dropped them food, medical supplies and other equipment by parachute.

THE MEN BUILT a three-room snowhouse, he said, and warmed themselves with portable heaters. They even had electric lights, using equipment including a power generator dropped from the skies.

In addition, films were "chuted" down and the stranded men made a pictorial record of their adventure. Three nights ago, a polar bear prowled within 20 feet of the camp but did not molest the castaways.

On Christmas Day, some of the men talked to their wives at a distant Greenland base over a portable radio transmitter.

There was no immediate indication when the men and their rescuers would be flown to New York.

SEVEN OF THE airmen had been stranded since Dec. 9 when their own C47 transport made a forced landing. "Subsequent rescue attempts, by gliders and by a B17 Flying Fortress, added five more to the group.

Then at 9:30 a. m. yesterday, while the Navy pushed its own rescue mission, Beaudry set his ship down on the snow-crusted ice and whisked off the men to safety 38 minutes later.

A naval aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Seaport, at that time was still about 1000 miles away, carrying five helicopters for a rescue attempt.

Fire Routs Customers From Clothing Store

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 (AP)—More than a dozen employees and customers were routed from a south street clothing store by fire late today. Firemen said the flames damaged quantities of stock in the basement of the three-story building before they were brought under control.

Rescue Family From Blazing Home



Following a dramatic rescue from their burning home in Roxbury, Mass., Mrs. Mary Vondersast, 28, leads her husband, James, carrying daughter, Peggy, 4, and fireman Harold Ennis, carrying Claire, 2. Ennis carried the infant down a ladder to safety while Vondersast brought his wife and daughter down a stairway through flames.

Police Run Second In Race With Death

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 29 (AP)—Police raced a suicide note to its source today but found the writer dead of gas poisoning and his wife, four young children and three lodgers all killed by the fumes.

The note, found in a letter addressed to "The Nearest Police Department," reached Asbury Park police headquarters shortly after 5 a. m. Police Capt. Joseph D. Sullivan said the writer, John J. Mastal, 32, threatened suicide because of a Christmas Day quarrel with his wife.


A post office employee brought the letter hurriedly to headquarters only shortly before the call for help came in from Mastal's home. As police raced to Mastal's home his wife, Louise, 31, said she awoke sick, found her four children and the several lodgers overcome by gas fumes, and the kitchen door locked.

Three other lodgers in her home, all of whom escaped the effects of the fumes, battered down the kitchen door and found Mastal lying in front of the stove, a rubber pipe running from a gas jet to his mouth. Dr. Francis Guke pronounced him dead after first aid workers applied artificial respiration in a vain attempt to rouse him.

German Occupation Army To Get Winter Training

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 29 (AP)—American occupation forces in Germany will test their ability to operate under winter conditions in training exercises next month.

U. S. headquarters said tonight the exercises will concentrate on speedy movement through snow and cold.



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Christman, Howard
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May, L. A. . . . St. Peters
Miller, Merle . . . Kenilworth
Stapleton, Leon . . . Oley
Woerner, Warren, Boyertown

GOP Calls Social Security 'Inadequate,' Rep. Keen to Offer Bill Doubling Benefits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A Social Security deduction from his pay—before he is eligible to benefits in old age.

Individuals would be given the choice of having their average earnings computed beginning in 1937 or 1939, whichever gives them the larger benefits in old age. This would raise the level of benefits to many early participants in the program, since general earnings are much higher than 12 years ago.

The retirement age for women be reduced to 62. Benefit eligibility for men still would begin at 65. The program is available only to employed persons.

A retired worker could draw these old age benefits so long as he earned no more than \$40 a month. The present law limits these earnings to \$15.

Keen said there would be little if any additional cost to the government in such an expansion, because the increased number of participants in the program would mean more revenue for the Social Security fund.

The program is supported by a 1 percent tax each on employers' pay and employers' payroll. This will jump to 1 1/2 percent on each in 1950, unless congress decides to step up the tax earlier.

Democrats are expected to present a bill of their own.

PHILOSOPHER DIES
ROME, Dec. 29 (AP)—Guido De Ruggiero, 60, Italian historian and philosopher, died today.



5 perfect diamonds in engagement ring with matching band.
Includes 20% Federal Tax

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Estate Valued at \$10,000 Left by Pennsburg Man

By Staff Correspondent
NORRISTOWN, Dec. 29 (AP)—A personal estate of \$1000 and real estate of \$9000 were left by Owen L. Henry, Pennsburg, who died Dec. 16, according to his will probated today.

A bequest of \$100 is made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery fund, and the balance is placed in a life-time trust for the wife, Emma J. Henry, a son, Robert O. Henry, and a daughter, Idella M. Moll, are final beneficiaries.

Film Star Strikes Match, Gives New York Hotfoot

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Magda Serstevens, a former French movie actress lit a match today in a Manhattan hotel room, police said, with these results:

She suffered minor burns. Her two-room apartment in the Madison hotel was wrecked by flames, smoke and water. Guests were evacuated from three floors of the building. Madison avenue traffic was diverted as glass fell to the pavement.

Miss Serstevens' bad luck began earlier this month when she lost \$9000 worth of jewelry was stolen from her aboard a ship on which she sailed to this country.

Police said she lighted a match today to assist her in finding something under a bed. The mattress caught fire and the flames spread.



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Local College Students Dance And Dine With Night Club Setting and Entertainment

By MARY JANE FEELEY (Mercury Staff Writer)

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Ken Nichols and his orchestra furnished the dance music, while George Pollins, of Reading, only 12 years old and already a professional singer, helped to entertain.

As a special treat, the boys and girls witnessed an exhibition of ballroom dancing by Mr. Norman Worth and his partner, Miss Sandy Thum, of Norristown. They were accompanied by Mr. Roy Tyson.

Several of the young men and women who held cocktail parties prior to the dance were Miss Eleanor Mock, of 1 Diamond court, Miss Betty Frankenberg, 774 North Charlotte, and Mr. Samuel Keiser, 874 North Franklin street.

AMONG THE MANY lovely girls present was Miss Mary Ann O'Dell, who wore a black velvet hooded cape over her pink marquisette gown. The dress was held up by black lace straps. Completing the outfit was a pink stole edged in black lace and black and gold sequined gloves.

Miss Jill Millard was charming as she entered the room in a black tulle gown held in place by thin straps. The neckline of the bodice was finished off with a ruffle edged in red, green and pink.

Looking lovely was Miss Shirley Allen, in a light blue tulle gown featuring drop shoulders. Mrs. Robert Smith whirled by in a sea of grey net which composed the semi-straps gown. The bodice was held in place by wide bands of champagne velvet which formed drop shoulders with a matching sash adding the finishing touches.

Very pretty indeed, in her rose and blue satin and net gown, was Miss Betty Griffiths. The bodice, strapless, was of rose satin while the skirt was composed of yards of light blue net.

VIVACIOUS looking was Miss Dorothy Wagner in her red bodiced gown with a white skirt. The bodice was set off by a dainty white ruffle edged in red. Young and pretty Mrs. Douglas Duffenderfer was very chic in her black tulle ankle-length gown styled with an off-shoulder effect and a splash of sequins.

It would take an artist to paint the picture made by lovely Miss Nancy Bartholomew as she entered the clubhouse in her black lace strapless gown. Her shoulders were covered by a black lace stole and the skirt was tiered and very full. Completing the attire was a silver necklace and bracelet.

Gold jewelry set off the pretty white nylon net gown chosen by Miss Eleanor Zimmerman. It featured an illusion neckline with a bertha collar, fitted bodice and a full skirt.

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Woman's Page CLUB NEWS WEDDINGS

Betrothals Revealed By Many Parents In Yuletide Season

Poor Dan Cupid must be out searching the forests during these days. He must have a lot of his arrows nocking over time cutting and snapping new arrows for his bow.

Because he certainly lost practically all he aimed over the Holiday season. They went straight to their mark and remained there.

Thirteen additional engagements were publicly announced last night by parents of merry-eyed girls who had received their rings during Holiday festivities.



The betrothal of Miss Theda Hettrick (above) to Mr. Bernard Yaros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Yaros, 934 Vine street, Stowe, was announced recently by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hettrick, Linfield.

Presendanz—Lamparter

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Presendanz, Philadelphia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hildegarde, to the Rev. Robert M. Lamparter, 306 South Hanover street, South Pottstown, son of Mrs. L. N. Lamparter, Lancaster, and the late Lorenz Lamparter.

Miss Presendanz was graduated from Brandywine High school and is employed in the executive offices of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Pastor Lamparter was graduated from the Lancaster Senior High school, Muhlenberg college and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He has been pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, South Pottstown, since May 1, 1944.

Marcie N. Stem Is Bride In Reading Church Rites

Miss Marcie Neuman Stem, daughter of Mrs. E. N. Stem, 393 Franklin street, became the bride of Mr. Gerald William Eisenbise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams S. Eisenbise of Reading, in a ceremony performed in the St. Thomas Reformed church, Reading, recently.

Nuptial music was sung by Mrs. Elsie Hartman with Mr. Fred McGowan at the organ. The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Erdman officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride was gown in a cascade tulle gown with mandarin neckline and full skirt with long soft train. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid and white streamers.

Mrs. Ethel A. Good attended as matron of honor while the bridesmaids were Miss Charlotte Moody, Philadelphia and Mrs. Vivian Christman, Pottstown.

Best man was Mr. Carroll Keene with Mr. Dana Gangwere and Mr. Frederick Roland as ushers.

A reception followed at the Crystal restaurant, Reading, after which the couple left for a trip through the South. They will reside in Germantown upon their return.

The bride was graduated from the West Chester high school and after spending three years in the Army and serving in the Pacific area, is now attending an interior decorator's school in West Chester.

Smiley—Gilbert

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Smiley, of Kimberlin, on Christmas day announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Lillian Smiley, to Mr. Raymond Luther Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilbert of Exton.

Miss Smiley is a graduate of Phoenixville High school and Chester county school of Nursing, West Chester. She is now an assistant supervisor at the hospital.

Mr. Gilbert was graduated from West Chester High school and after spending three years in the Army and serving in the Pacific area, is now attending an interior decorator's school in West Chester.

Harner—Trainer

The engagement of Katherine Louise Harner to Mr. Robert Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Trainer, Amityville, was announced this Yuletide by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Harner, Pine Forge.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Pottstown High school and is employed at the National bank of Pottstown. Mr. Trainer was graduated from Amityville High school and is employed by the Clover Leaf dairy.

The wedding date will be revealed later.

Reese—Nester

Another engagement of the Christmas holidays was that of Miss Alice Marie Reese to Mr. Stern Nester. It was announced by the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reese, 467 North Charlotte street.

Mr. Nester is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nester.

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Today

Roy P. Nace, 456 High street.

William Norman Walker, 9 West High street, Stowe, aged ten years.

Carl Dice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dice, Pottstown RD 3, aged eight years.

Frances Hill daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, 515 Lincoln avenue.

Richard Reigner, 173 North Franklin street.

Wayne Prizer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prizer, 70 North Adams street.

Donald E. Levengood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel M. Levengood, 205 Jefferson avenue.

Thomas Pollock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pollock, 254 Walnut street.

Edna E. Koch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Koch, 216 South street.

Milton Sheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sheeler Sr., Douglassville RD 2.

Robert L. Kulp, son of Mrs. Helen Kulp, 647 Water street.

Donald Hign, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hign, Douglassville.

Elaine Angstadt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Angstadt, Birdsboro.

North Coventry High school and Peirce Business college and is employed at Nance Cosgrove Inc., Germantown. Mr. Eisenbise is a graduate of Reading High school and the Peirce School of Business Administration.

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Mrs. Williams is State president of the Pennsylvania conference for the Education of Exceptional children. She used as her topic, "In This Way Shall We Mold Our Tomorrow."

She further proclaimed that every child also has a right to health care, dependence upon adults, success in school, the satisfying companionship of other children and regularity in work, play, rest and exercise.

"Psychologists claim that children have an unconscious fear of desertion by parents from two years of age until adolescence. They also fear bodily mutilation and death, though this fear never leaves, but later in life is covered by sophistication."

"CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL fears are common to all children, such as rivalry with other children in the family and neighborhood problems."

"If we are to conserve our youth, through physical and emotional health measures we must insure our program even before birth. Lactation, scolding and punishment have proved to be notably ineffectual ways of dealing with adjustment problems."

"Emotional needs of children are complicated with every child needing love, approval and strength of someone to depend upon. For all children have certain common problems."

She added that "all children must accept restrictions in their own family group; must learn emancipation from the parents and must learn to distinguish between what he needs and what he wants or is able to do."

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Betrothals Revealed By Many Parents In Yuletide Season

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Mrs. Robert Nester, Pottstown RD. 3. The wedding date will be revealed in the near future.

Greiner—Wonder
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greiner, 1631 Main street, Trappe, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Muriel Greiner, to Mr. Robert H. Wonder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wonder, of Lintz.

Miss Greiner, a graduate of Collegeville High school is employed as a stenographer by the Firestone Tire and Rubber company. The prospective bridegroom is a teller in the Farmer's and Merchant's bank, Lintz.

Lozorak—Albitz
On Christmas day, Miss Rose M. Lozorak received her engagement ring from Mr. Charles P. Albitz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Albitz, Pottstown RD. 4.

The betrothal was announced last night by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lozorak, Pottstown RD. 4.

The future bride is a graduate of Pottstown High school with the class of 1948 and is employed at Smith's Pie factory, while Mr. Albitz was graduated from the same High school, and after serving 22 months with the Army, is employed by the Spicer Manufacturing corporation.

Deininger—Randazzo
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Deininger of Reading announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Martin J. Randazzo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Randazzo, 619 King street.

Miss Deininger is a graduate of the Reading High school, class of 1948, and is employed at Melody's company, Reading.

Mr. Randazzo is a graduate of the Pottstown Senior High school, class of 1943, and is attending the Kerpel School of Dental Technology in Philadelphia.

Troop—Ellwanger
Mr. and Mrs. John Troop, Knauertown, announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Sgt. George W. Ellwanger, Cedarville, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellwanger.

Miss Troop is a graduate of Baltimore City hospital, Baltimore, Md., and is employed there. Sergeant Ellwanger is on furlough at present, having been stationed in Korea for the past two years. The wedding date will be revealed later.

Bodolus—Mackley
A family Christmas dinner was the scene of the revealing of the betrothal of Miss Verna Bodolus to Mr. Michael Mackley.

The engagement was made known by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bodolus, Pottstown Landing. The prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. Harry Mackley, Pottstown Landing.

Miss Bodolus is employed at the Shuwall's Dress factory and Mr. Mackley is working at Spicer's Manufacturing corporation.

Jacobs—Mourar
At a Christmas eve party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mourar, Stowe, the betrothal of

Mrs. J. McGowan Fetes PTA Executive Board

Members of the executive board of the Jefferson Parent-Teacher association were entertained at a Christmas dinner in the home of the president, Mrs. John McGowan, Beech and Cedar streets.

Santas peeping from chimneys showed each guest to her place, at a table bounteously laden with turkey and all the trimmings. The centerpiece, consisting of a Christmas ball tree surrounded by holiday candles, lent an air of Yuletide cheer to the table.

Later in the living room gifts were exchanged and a social hour enjoyed.

Attending were: Mrs. Saul Schwartz, Mrs. Donald Sands, Mrs. Kenneth Christman, Mrs. Louis Saavely, Mrs. Leonard Cadwell, Mrs. John Blum, Mrs. Edward Hembach, Mrs. Luther Supplee, Mrs. Joseph Hospador, Mrs. Samuel Hanna and Miss Dora Boyer.

Miss Vivian Jacobs to Mr. William Mourar Jr. was announced.

The betrothal was made known by Miss Jacobs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jacobs, Hanover street.

Wolfe—Kelly
The engagement of Miss Mary Wolfe, was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wolfe Jr., 891 South street, to Mr. Richard Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly, 856 South street.

Miss Wolfe attended Pottstown High school and is employed at the Pottstown Shirt Factory. Mr. Kelly also attended Pottstown schools and is employed at the New England Auto Products company.

Latshaw—Titus
On Christmas day, Mrs. Jarry J. Latshaw, 519 New street, Spring City, announced the betrothal of her daughter, Helen Marie, to Mr. Harry M. Titus Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Titus, Rancocas, N. J.

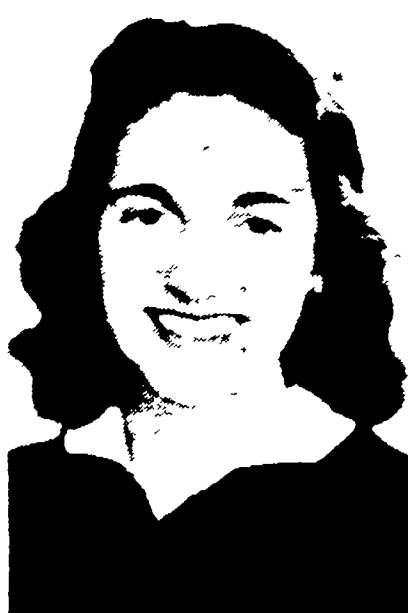
Hicks—Bowman
Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hicks, Ridge road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Downing Hicks, to Mr. Jack R. Bowman, son of Mrs. Nellie F. Bowman, Broad and Church streets, Spring City.

Miss Hicks was graduated from Spring City High school and Ursinus college. She holds a position with the Jones Motor company, Spring City.

Mr. Bowman attended Royersford schools and after serving two years in the Navy is now employed by the Spicer Manufacturing corporation.

Baked stuffed potatoes are particularly delicious when a little finely grated onion is added to the stuffing along with butter or margarine, salt, freshly ground pepper, paprika and hot milk.

Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Royer Morrow, Second avenue, Royersford, announced the engagement recently of their daughter, Miss Laura Jean Morrow (above), to Mr. Raymond Overdorf Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Overdorf, 697 Walnut street, Royersford.

PERSONALS

Paul S. Frick, Kenilworth, a Junior at Muhlenberg college, is attending a College Christian association convention this week at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. He is representing the Muhlenberg Christian association.

Mrs. Bertha Patterson, who has spent the past several months in Florida, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fritz Sr., Boyertown RD. 2.

Mrs. Jack Britton, Pensacola, Fla., returned home after spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Sallie Harp, 939 Glasgow street, Stowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson, Pottstown RD. 4, returned home last night after spending the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lucar, Dayton, Ohio.

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Holiday Party Held By Lutheran Women In Pine Forge Home

Amid elaborate holiday decorations the annual Christmas party of the Ladies Bible class of Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday school was held at the home of Mrs. Doris Arndt, Pine Forge.

Mrs. Dorothy Himes read the Christmas story, while a prayer was offered by Mrs. Luther A. Kroebe.

Committee reports were heard during the short business session at which Mrs. Himes presided. The group voted to contribute \$25 to the organ fund in memory of departed members.

Mrs. Arndt reported on the return of finances from the bazaar booth, with the organization deciding to contribute the total to Lutheran World Action.

Later the group retired to the basement aglow with holly and red and green decorations. Centerpiece for the luncheon table was a choir of carolers of crepe paper design. Assistant hostesses were: Mrs. Evelyn Quinter and Mrs. Isabelle Albright.

Gifts were presented to the teachers of the class, Mrs. Krouse and Mrs. Evelyn Wentzel.

Attending were: Miss Mary David, beiser, Mrs. Mabel Keim, Mrs. Evelyn Wentzel, Mrs. Himes, Mrs. Lean Scheffey, Mrs. Janet Keim, Mrs. Catherine Richter, Mrs. Marian Geiger, Mrs. Agnes Markas, Mrs. Edna Whitaker, Mrs. Lillie Wentzel and Mrs. Marian Richards.

Also Mrs. Grace Rader, Mrs. Betty Yocom, Miss Bertha Fry, Mrs. Carolyn Fry, Mrs. Katharine Fritz, Miss Jean Bellman, Miss Lila Noll, Miss Mary Koupperrbach, Miss Edith

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BIRTHS

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gruber, Lintz, yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Semmez, 101 King street, became the parents of a daughter yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

Betty McMann Entertains With Candlelight Dinner

Miss Betty McMann was hostess to a group of her friends at a dinner party before attending the Junior Colloquy on Tuesday night, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. McMann, Lintz.

The table was attractively appointed with Christmas greens and dinner was served by candlelight. In attendance were: Janet Trimley, Richard Repko, Patricia Collins, Richard Neyhard, Sylvia Pike, Robert Sneyrak, Sally Cross, Jesse Mitchell, Arthur Jacob and the hostess.

Yocom, Mrs. Mary Mullholland, Mrs. Joyce Hill, Mrs. Elan Schutt and Miss Kathryn Moser.

Also Mrs. Martha Saylor, Mrs. Edith Reichman, Mrs. Lulu Wentzel, Mrs. Marian Reidenouer, Mrs. Grace Koppenhaver, Mrs. Margaret Vine, Miss Corinne Ingram, Miss Joanne Emoodry, Miss Janet Foltz and Miss Helen Kulp.

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Queen Street Couple Entertain at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Mauger, 1154 Queen street, entertained friends and relatives with a dinner in their home recently.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Russell T. Latsch, Mrs. Alice Latsch and son, John; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rischard and son, Jimmie, Spring City; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy L. Mauger and daughter, Mary Ann, Weavertown; Mrs. Mary Jacob and son, Robert; Mr. Leon C. MacMullin Jr., Miss Betty Jane Mauger and the host and hostess.

James Kienle is Honored On Birthday Anniversary

James Kienle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Kienle, Pottstown RD. 4, was feted at a party recently in honor of his second birthday anniversary.

The table was attractively decorated with a small Christmas tree trimmed with candles, popcorn, fruit and cookies in the center. Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Earle Kienle, Mr. and Mrs. David Kienle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Teszmar, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huel and daughter, Christine, 1, and May M. Spayd, Monaca, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yesser and Sharon.

son, Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wesley and son, Frank; Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer Yovan and children, Tommy and Madeline; Mrs. James Christman, Pamela Himes and Jack Kienle.

Also Jerry Slavek, Gwendolyn Teszmar, Jacqueline Borquet, Dennis Tighe, Carolyn Tighe and Joan Tighe.

Marriage Licenses

Application for marriage licenses were made at the Montgomery county courthouse, Norristown, by: John H. Kirby, Schwenksville RD. 1, and May M. Spayd, Monaca, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yesser and Sharon.

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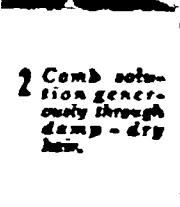
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Two Drivers Killed As 3 Trucks Crash, Burn on Route 202

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 29 (AP)—A fiery crash of three loaded oil trucks on an icy, fog-bound highway seven miles north of here today claimed the lives of two drivers.

George Morgan, 28, of Sellersville, burned to death when some of the 4500 gallons of oil he was transporting showered the scene and burst into flame.

The other victim, Frank D. Rosenberry Jr., 20, of Ambler, was crushed inside the cab of his flame-swept truck.

Both were employees of tank truck rentals of Center Square. The third driver, William Stover, 44, of Telford, escaped injury in the crash.

CHIEF KENNETH Kempf, of the Lower Gwynedd township police, said Stover had eased his truck to a stop beside the road, made slippery by an early morning rain that turned to ice.

Rosenberry evidently saw the parked tanker at the last minute and applied his brakes. The truck skidded on the ice, went off the road, hit a tree and struck the side of a bridge.

Kempf said Rosenberry was still in his cab when Morgan reached the scene and applied his brakes. Morgan's tanker then crashed into Rosenberry's, crushing it, and then rammed Stover's truck.

The impact of the crash set the cab of Rosenberry's truck afire and Stover's truck swung completely about. Morgan's tanker then careened across the highway and smashed into a pole.

Firemen from Center Square, North Wales and Ambler and the Lansdale Medical corps rushed to the scene.

Traffic on the heavily-used DeKalb (Route 202) was tied up for hours.

Woman Cuts Her Finger While Using Meat Slicer

A laceration of the right index finger was suffered by Mrs. Anna Cutillo, 1107 Grove street Tuesday night while she was using a meat slicer at the Sanatoga hotel.

Dr. Caesar F. Sarni treated the cut at Memorial hospital.

Gets New Trial



Fritz Kuhn (above), former head of the German-American Bund, was granted a new trial yesterday in Munich, Germany, on his appeal from his conviction as an active Nazi. The trial was set for Jan. 10.

Prince Given Sedative During Christening Rites

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The weekly news magazine, News Review, suggested today that Baby Prince Charles was given a small dose of sedative to keep him quiet during the christening ceremony Dec. 15.

The magazine noted that he was given a sedative without having been given the young prince any name.

FIRE DESTROYS PLANT
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29 (AP)—Fire today destroyed equipment at the Atomic Basic Chemical corporation, medicine manufacturers for poultry and other animals. Firemen said the blaze was caused by flames back-firing in a reactor tank.

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Christ E. Ladas, Former Restaurateur And Hotel Owner Here, Succumbs at 60

Christ E. Ladas, 60, who lived at the Riverside hotel, 205 South Hanover street, South Pottstown, of which he was former owner, died last night at 7:20 o'clock in Pottstown hospital.

He was admitted to the hospital Monday after a recurrence of an illness which had sent him to Lankenau hospital, Philadelphia several months ago and which had forced him to sell the hotel Nov. 15.

Mr. Ladas was owner of the hotel for 20 years. He sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sahm.

HE WAS BORN in Secoravou, Greece also the name town of his close friend, Constant George, owner of the West End Wiener shop, 5 South Hanover street.

When he came to Pottstown 33 years ago, Mr. Ladas managed a restaurant that now is the Texas Hot Wiener shop, 154 High street.

After selling this shop, he bought the Smith Brothers pool hall which was located in the present Security Trust building, and conducted this business until remodeling of the building some 20 years ago closed the pool hall.

During the last illness, he was aided by blood donors of the Empire Book and Ladder company. Mr. Ladas was a member of St. Constantine's Greek Catholic church, Reading. His other affiliations included the Good Will Fire company.

Never married, he is survived only

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VFW Outlines Plans For Golden Jubilee

Tentative plans for the 1949 golden jubilee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were laid last night at a quarterly meeting of the 1624 (Montgomery county) chapter held in the Pottstown Post 730 home.

Eugene Howley, district commander, told 55 members representing nine of the district's 23 posts, that celebration of the anniversary will be left to individual posts. They may choose the method of celebrating and the time in the year, he said.

The meeting was held in Pottstown to honor Earl P. Antrim, senior vice-commander of the district and past commander of the local post.

State officers slated to attend from Harrisburg, telephoned that road conditions kept them away.

OBITUARIES

RONALD THOMAS HAMPTON, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Hampton, SCHWENKVILLE RD 1, died yesterday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock in Memorial hospital.

His twin brother, Leonard Robert Hampton, died Nov. 23 in the hospital. Ronald was the second born child. He and his brother were the fourth set of twins born in the hospital during a month.

The parents had lived until recently on Pottstown RD 2. Funeral arrangements, incomplete last night, are in charge of a funeral home at 112 North Washington street.

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Bearers were William Sandes, James Huzzard, William Davies, James Zeror, Kenneth Burk Sr., Kenneth Burk Jr., and Amorose Malenke.

Great Britain has only one acre of cropland per person.

Brethren church. Interment was made in East Coventry Mennonite cemetery.

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